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Petersville School

Brunswick vicinity

Private

Ca. 1855

The Petersville School was built about 1855 as a one-story brick structure which was altered in the 1930's for use as a restaurant, to which later a two-story brick and frame residence and commercial expansion building was added. Only the north and west elevations of the original schoolhouse still retain their historical integrity at a minimal level. The school's adaptive reuse indicates the strategic character of the rural schools' locations at busy crossroads, a quality echoed in the name of the restaurant, the Crossroads Inn.

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Petersville School; Public School 15

Petersville

Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Social/Educational/Cultural

Resource Types:

Category: Buildings

Environment: Rural

Function and Use:

Education/school/schoolhouse

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Petersville School; Public School 15

and/or common Crossroads Inn Restaurant

### 2. Location

street & number 847-A Jefferson Pike not for publicationcity, town Petersville X vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

### 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture	<u>  </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>X</u> commercial	<u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational	<u>  </u> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment	<u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government	<u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial	<u>  </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military	<u>  </u> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Willard T. &amp; Josephine Compher

street &amp; number 847A Jefferson Pike telephone no.:

city, town Knoxville state and zip code Md. 21758

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 983

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 48

city, town Frederick state Maryland 21701

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date    federal    state    county    local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. F-2-69

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Petersville School is a circa 1855 one-story brick schoolhouse adjoined by a modern 2-story brick and frame residence/commercial building, the whole group being currently used as a restaurant, the Crossroads Inn. The schoolhouse is also adjoined by a concrete block kitchen addition. The schoolhouse with its additions is located on the east side of Jefferson Pike (Maryland Route 180), just south of the intersection of Burkittsville Road (Maryland Route 17), about 1-1/2 miles west of Brunswick, Frederick County, Maryland.

The school's exterior form is the only remaining recognizable feature of its original use and that form is mostly visible from the north and west. The exterior brick is heavily painted 5:1 bond with the original three window bays on the west elevation obscured by a modern foyer addition and enlarged plate glass windows. On the north gable end are two window bays which are filled with brick. The roof is standing seam and the cornice is boxed. In the center of the roof is a patch indicating a chimney location. The interior of the building has been completely altered, with the original exterior walls on the east and south removed or relocated to accommodate a large dining area which extends into the first floor of the adjoining two-story building.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. F-2-69

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1850	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or		
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Petersville School is an example of a rural schoolhouse of the mid 19th century which has lost most of its integrity through mid-20th century alterations; however, the one-story, gable-roofed form of the original brick structure is still discernible and can be compared to other schools of the period. The familiar three-bay side elevations, even in the altered state of the Petersville School, show the persistence of the functional form and its potential for adaptive reuse. The schoolhouse was built about 1855 on the northeast corner of the Burkittsville Road and Jefferson Pike. Known as Public School 15, it was a well-known local landmark, as most rural schools of the 19th century were. On the 1858 Isaac Bond map of Frederick County, a scenic view in the map's border of the Potomac River gap at Foxville was identified by placing the viewer between two familiar reference points, the P.S. 15 and the toll house, which stood further south on Jefferson Pike. In the mid-20th century, the Burkittsville Road was relocated north of the schoolhouse, but it remained a pivotal structure and was remodeled for commercial use, in which it has operated to the present.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-2-69

Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, 1858.  
Land Records of Frederick County  
Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre  
Quadrangle name Harpers Ferry, Va. - Md. - W.Va.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 91, Parcel 19

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date October 1991street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state Maryland 21701

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#74 847A Jeff Pike Petersville School M91 P19 Willard S. & Josephine Compher 847-A Jeff Pike Knoxville 21758

LIBER/FL-10	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
983/48 11 Mar 76	Willard S. & Josephine M. Compher	Willard S. Compher	P. 1: 1A. 462/136 P. 2: 785/121 P. 3: 954/494		
1: 462/136 8 Apr 41	Willard S. Compher	James E. & Ruth E. Ferrell	1A.		
1: 406/599 10 Apr 37	James E. & Ruth E. Ferrell	James S. Didion & Co.	"Resurvey of Maryland" (Maryland?) Lot #2 104 A. incl. 1/2 A. in a school lot		
1: 380/543 12 Sept 31	James S. & Clara D. Didion & Co.	Charlotte M. Hillary, widow, et al	P. 1: "Resurvey of Maryland" 104A. Lot #2 on plat made for suit of Silghman Hillary incl. 1/2 A. in the school lot		
1: T62/718 29 Dec 1874	Clarence M. Hillary	John Hillary, exec. & Sally Ann Hillary exec. of Silghman Hillary will & test.	104 A. incl. 1/2 A. in the School Lot	\$10,671.87	
1: Reg. of Will TL MC #2/306 Sales of real estate 13 Sept 1869	Clarence M. Hillary	John & Sallie Ann Hillary, executors of Silghman Hillary	"... also a schoolhouse and lot containing 1/2 acre..."	\$300	

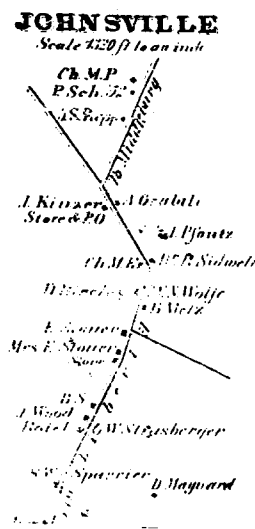
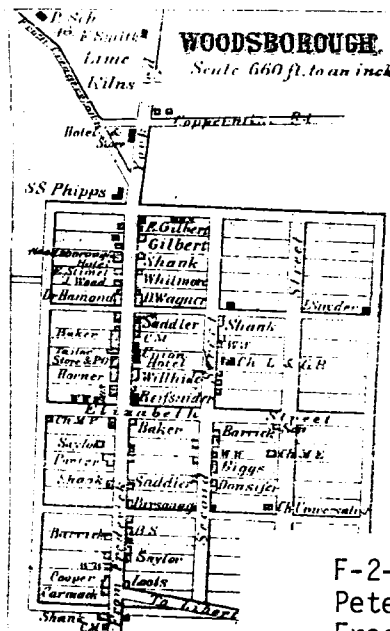
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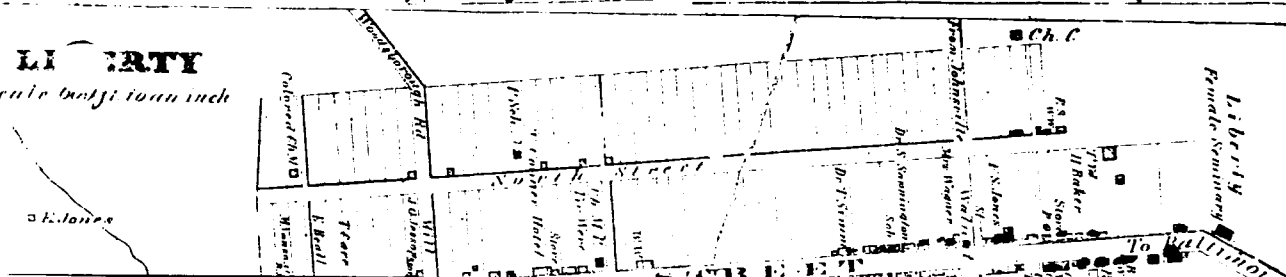
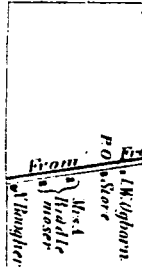
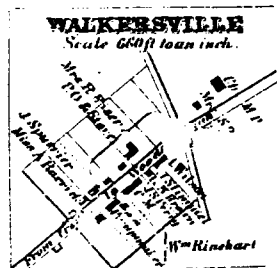




Harpers Ferry & Weverton Gaps, - from Ridge Road, mid way between P.Sch 15 & the Toll Gate.

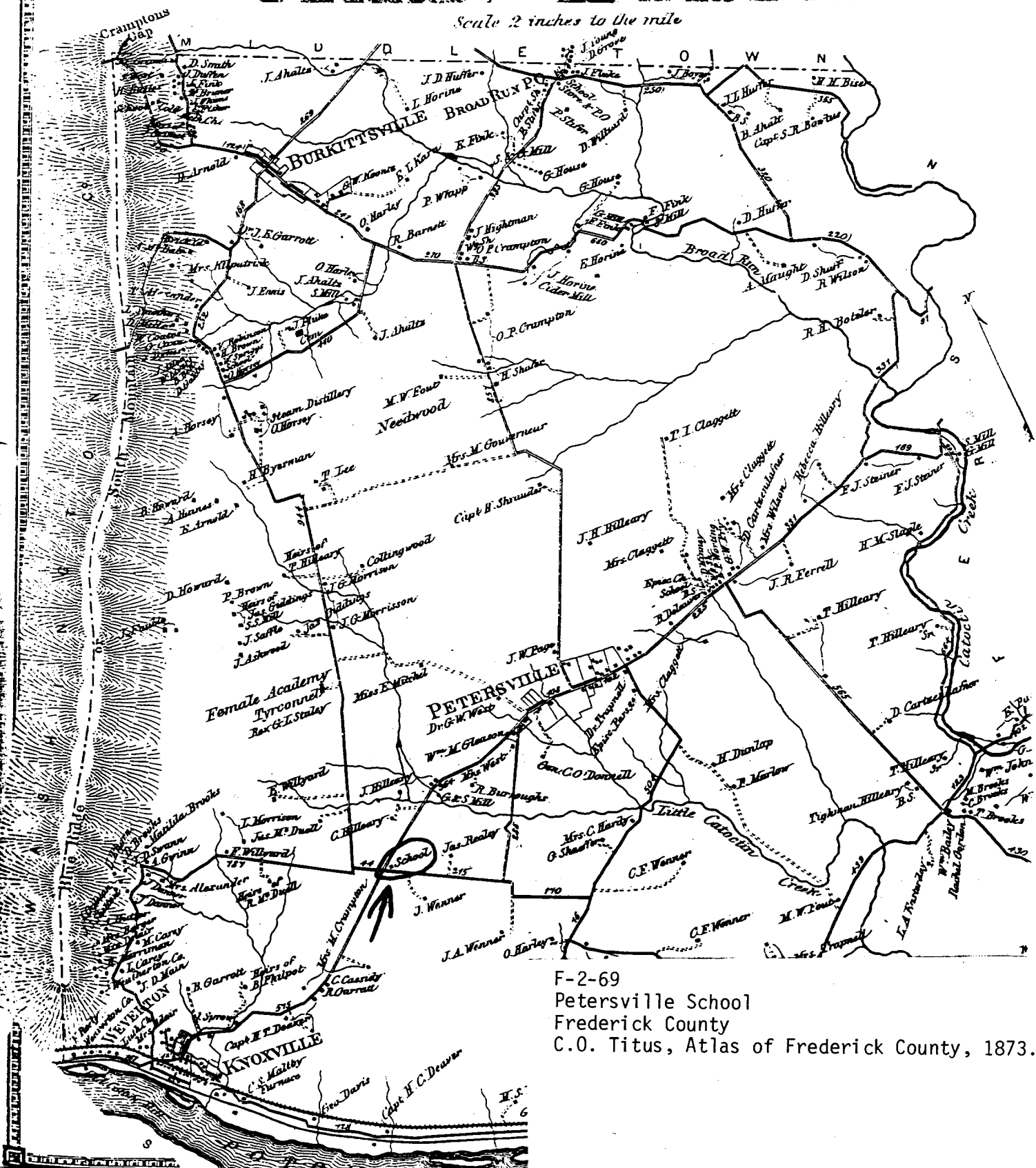


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Petersville School  
Frederick County  
Scenic vignette near school on Bond  
map, 1858.

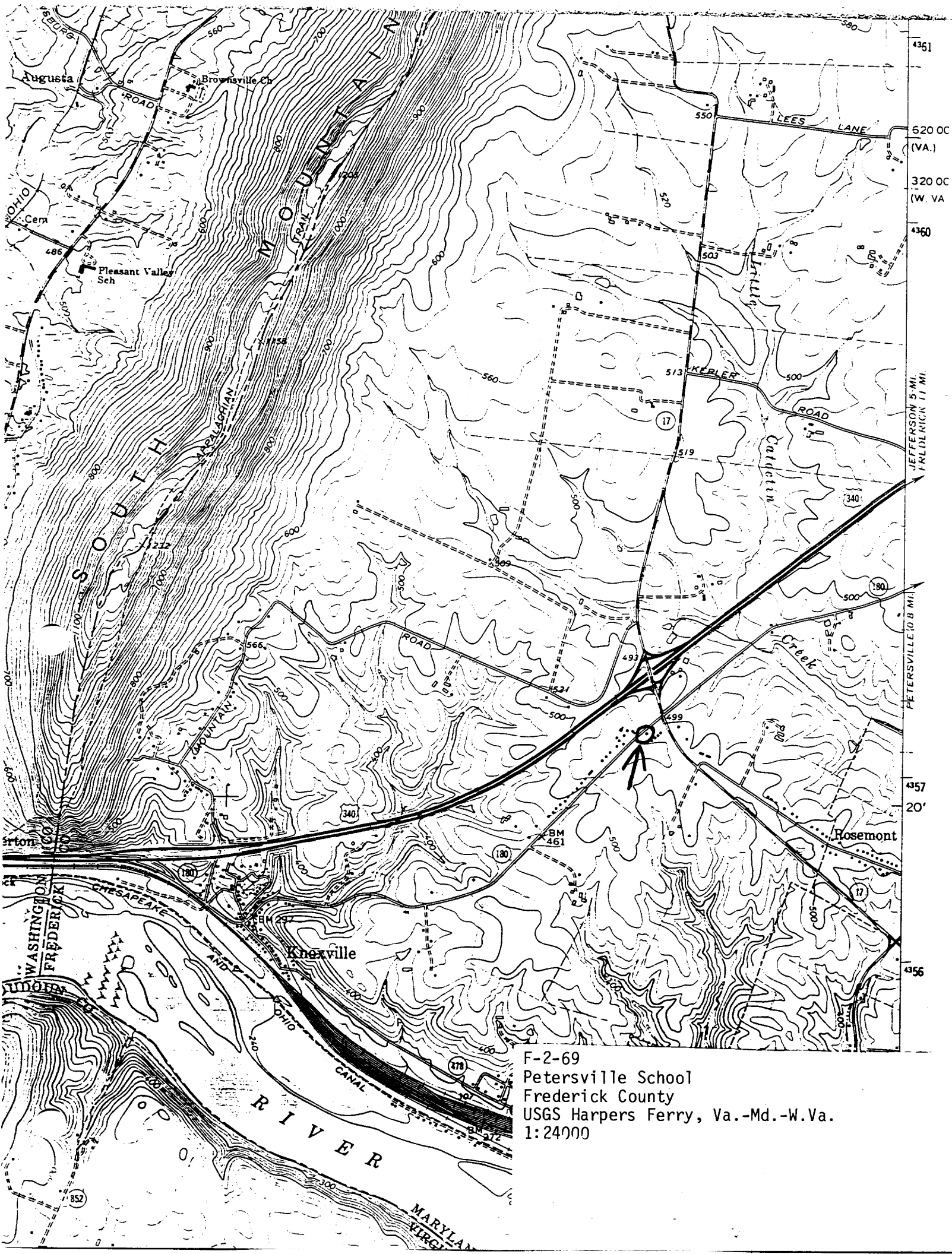


# PETERSVILLE DIST No. 12

Scale 2 inches to the mile



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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.



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